

Andrew Jackson to Samuel Houston, October 23, 1826, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

Hermitage, October 23, 1826.

D'r Genl. , Agreeable to your request, I herewith send you my letter of the 22d of January 1822 to Mr. John Q. Adams then Sec of State, 1 also a copy of Genl. Armst[r]ongs letter to me of the 18th of July 1814, 2 not recd. until the 17th of January 1815. I have not time to send you a copy of my report to the Department of War detailing my movement on Pensacola in Novbr. 1814. you will find it on file in the Dept of War. it is dated the 14th of Novbr. 1814, and my letter of Octbr. 26th 1814, 3 informing the Govt., of my intention of vissitting Pensacola with my reasons therfor.

1 *Am. St. Papers, For. Rel.* , IV. 793–796.

2 Printed in Eaton's *Jackson* , p. 125.

3 See vol. II., pp. 76–79, 82–83.

I send you the Sec of Wars letter of the 10th of Decbr. 1814 recd. on the 18th of February 1815 and my answer thereto the moment it was recd. 4 This was the first and only communication I recd. from the Govt. from the 20th of Novbr. 1814—on that date I recd. and acknowledged the receipt of the despatch of the 19th and 21st of Oct[o]ber 1814. 5 I enclose you a copy of L[ie]ut. Harold Smith U. S. artillery dated at Staunton Febry 7th 1815. This with the letter of Mr. Woolly of the ordinance Department dated at Pittsburgh 18th of January 1815 (which I have not time to copy) with the letter of advice accompanying it, with a list of supplies required in Septbr. 1814 and which Mr. Woolly assures me are given over for transportation to the quarter master for transportation and

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will be sure to reach me in 30th days, will afford you some evidence of the great exertion of the Govr. for the defence of the lower country. If men without arms or ordinance or fixed amunition, could defend the lower country, it would have been secure. The militia were ordered, when the enemy were on the coast—but where and when was it, that a supply of arms and fixed munitions were ordered and forwarded.

4 *Ibid.* , pp. 110, 173–175.

5 *Ibid.* , pp. 77, 79.

If you could read the dispatches from the Goverment up to the 21st of octbr. and my answers up to the 20th of Novbr. and my various communications, to that date—and my communications to the Goverment from my arival to the close of the Campaign—then the letter of Decbr. 20th 6 1814 recd. the 18th of Febry. 1815 and my reply, keeping in view Lt. Smiths letter, you can form a correct Judgt. of my situation and exertions and how much credit the Govt. is really entitled to, for their supplies and aid given me in the defence of the lower country.

6 10th.

I wish you to examine whether my letters of the 10th and 26th of Decbr. 1814, 7 and my letter of the 13th of February 1815 8 are on file in the War Department. this last letter is a full detail of my opperations from the time I reached Mobile untill the close of the War with my views, and reasons for my course. This letter of the 13th of Febry. I would wish you to read, and I want to be informed whether this is on file in the War Department. If these letters named are not to be found on file, Justice has *not been* done me, or is it intended to be extended to my memory when dead—and I would like to know this when living.

7 Vol. II., pp. 111–112, 126–128 (dated Dec. 27 in War Dept. files).

8 *Ibid.* , pp. 164–170.

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In haste your friend